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SUMMARY

In Okutsuki village where Keiji was raised there is a curious custom. Upon reaching one's 33rd year, an ante-mortem funeral is performed. When he is invited to his cousin Hakuga's ante-mortem funeral, Keiji returns home for the first time in 5 years. For Keiji, Hakuga was his unrequited love interest.

Five years earlier, Keiji came close to crossing the line with Hakuga, but realized that the love was one-sided. And so, he left his hometown. He never really wanted to go back there.

Still burdened by his feelings, Keiji attends Hakuga's ante-mortem funeral. But

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FUN
IN THE VILLAGE WHERE I GREW UP, FUNERALS ARE
FOR COMING TO MY FUNERAL.
I, TATARA HAKUGA, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH..

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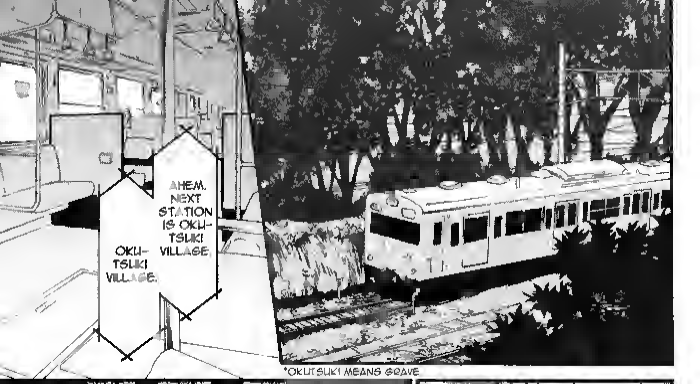
I was lost in a dream.
When I'm in love, I'm the only one who acts against his better judgment.
池 文

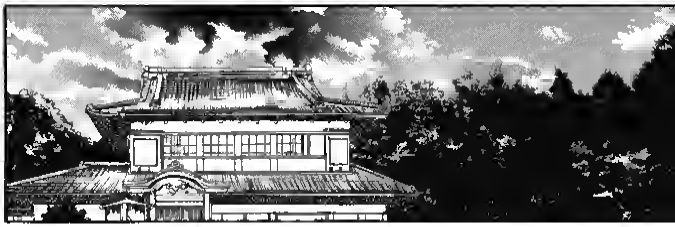


*OKUTSUKI MEANS GRAVE

THE VILLAGE WHERE I GREW UP HAS STRANGE CUSTOMS
FOR EXAMPLE A "LIFETIME FUNERAL" IS HELD WHEN ONE TURNS 33
EVERYONE HAS TO "DIE" ONCE. WHEN LIFE IS AT ITS FULLEST. A FUNERAL IS HELD WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PERSON'S PHYSICAL CONDITION.

奥津城村駅
おくつきむらえき
AND ALTHOUGH I'M NOT COMING BACK TO ST. Y...
BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IMPURITIES OR RITUAL CLEANSINGS.
AND UNTIL NOW, I'VE BEEN SPARED FROM THIS AWFUL CUSTOM.

SIGN: OKUTSUKI VILLAGE STATION



I LIVED IN THIS HOUSE FROM WHEN I WAS 7 UNTIL I TURNED 18.
NO-THING'S CHANGED.
Sigh
MY MOTHER'S BROTHER, HIS WIFE AND THEIR SON. LIFE WITH THEM WAS NEVER LONELY...
AFTER MY PARENTS' DIVORCE, I LIVED WITH MY GRAND-PARENTS.
BECAUSE HAKUGA WAS THERE
AH, HAKUGA
YO!
rah!

I ONLY CAME FOR THE FUNERAL
LONG TIME NO SEE
HAS IT BEEN 5 YEARS ALREADY? I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ACTUALLY COME
blush
AFTER ALL, WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOREVER
...
GET OUT! I'M CHANGING!
Push
WHOA!
HAHA!
SO IF I HADN'T DIED, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME? DON'T BE SO COLD-HEARTED

Rattle
I ALWAYS USED TO FOLLOW HAKUGA AROUND
I WAS LOST IN A DREAM
PLAYING WITH HAKUGA WAS LIKE A DREAM
MY MOTHER WAS WORKING OVERSEAS SO I HARDLY EVER SAW HER

woosh
woosh
Fry angler

ER— ERM
SOB SOB
I KNOW HE'S LED A GOOD LIFE TIL NOW
BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S SO SAD
AH DAMN
NOW I'M STARTING TO CRY AS WELL
THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO COME
squeeze

ON THAT NIGHT, I STAYED HOME ALONE WHILE EVERYONE ATTENDED ANOTHER FUNERAL.
clatter...
HAKU-NICHAN?
AH.
THEY MADE ME DRINK TOO MUCH.
DO YOU WANT SOME WATER?
I HAVE TO KEEP THOSE OLD MEN COMPANY AT EVERY FUNERAL.
WHAT ARE THEY, SIEVES?
Yes I wanna drink some water
YOU'RE SO KIND KEIJI
touch touch
WHAT?
DID YOU KNOW? AT A FUNERAL YOU HAVE TO DRINK ALL NIGHT YOU KNOW

IN THE PAST, EVERYONE USED TO HAVE SEX TIL MORNING
Liar!
In the past?
What in the Edo period?
IT'S TRUE.
THE WHOLE TOWN DID IT EVERY-WHERE BOTH INDOORS AND OUT.
REALLY? W-WHY?
THEY ENJOYED THE BANQUET TO ITS FULLEST
roll
DON'TCHA KNOW? DEATH AND BIRTH ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN

flinch
H-HAKUGA YOU'RE BEING REALLY WEIRD!
SHALL I SHOW YOU?
EHP
creak

HA...
shudder
squeeze
I DON'T KNOW WHY... BUT IT'S SO GOOD!
DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THAT CUTE EXPRESSION, KEIJI.

Mn
Strok
Mn
YA AH
HAKU-NI!CHA !
KEI
Mn
nnh!!
Shiver

I
haa
ha
ha
SORRY
I
AH

I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE IN LOVE
PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT
THEREFORE I DIE TODAY.
STARTING TOMORROW I WILL LIVE AGAIN WITH A PURE SOUL.
chatter
chatter
chatter
STOP IT, YOU GUYS!
YE..H, YEAH, TH..T'S RIGHT!
OH, LIKE TAOKA-SAN CONFESSED ABOUT HIS DEBTS.
HAKUGA!
FOLLOWING DE..TH YOU HAVE TO CONFESS!

gulp
glance
HM... WELL,
IF I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING, IT'S...
YOU CAN'T JUST SPOUT WHATEVER YOU WANT!
...
AS TONIGHT IS MY FUNERAL
PLEASE DRINK, EAT AND PARTY TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT
YES YES
THEN I'LL GET THE HORS D'OEUVRES
WELL...
FIRST THINGS FIRST

scuff
scuff
AHH...
clamor
YOU'LL GET DIABETES IF YOU DRINK TOO MUCH.
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT TODAY WE'RE CELEBRATING A FUNERAL.
BECAUSE I WAS CALLED AND, LIKE A FOOL, I CAME.
WHY DID I COME HERE?
scuff
scuff
scuff

WHY ARE YOU ALONE?
touch
YO, KEIJI, YOU DRINKING?
GRAMPS SAID SO, TOO.
THE FUNERALS IN OKUTSUKI VILLAGE ARE "HAPPY JOYOUS FUNERALS," RIGHT?
...
...
TO PUT A WALL BETWEEN YOU AND ME
YOU HAVE SUCH A STUPID EXPRESSION

KEIJI
TRY TO SMILE
IT'S NO USE
THERE WAS A FUNERAL ON THAT DAY TOO
scuff scuff
scuff scuff
creak

KEIJI!
KEIJI!
KEIJI?
W-WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
rattle
KEIJI PLEASE WAIT!
HEY!

KEI!
DON'T FOLLOW ME!
Grab
WHY DIDN'T YOU FEEL LIKE APOLOGIZING BEFORE?!
yank
PLEASE, KEIJI!
LISTEN TO MY SIDE OF THE STORY, KEIJI...
I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO THIS ANYMORE!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
JUST APOLOGIZE ALREADY! 'CAUSE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, NOTHING EVER HAPPENED!

stare
AFTER ALL I'VE...
teary
...LPE DY FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU SO DON'T BOTHER ME!
JUST HEAR ME OUT
OKAY?
...
Sniff Sniff
Sniff Sniff
Sniff Sniff

I ALWAYS REGRETTED WHAT HAPPENED THAT TIME.
WHY DO YOU THINK I HELD THIS LIFETIME FUNERAL?
NO MATTER WHAT ELSE WE DO IN OUR LIVES, CAN'T WE BE SELFISH JUST ONCE?
EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE HAPPY. REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHERS MAY THINK.
AT SOME POINT, YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION.
AND I WANTED TO SHOW HOW SORRY I WAS

IT'S AWFULLY LATE, BUT LET ME TELL YOU!
hug
REALLY, IT WAS SO LONG AGO...
WE WERE STILL KIDS. THIS COUNTRYSIDE WAS ALL I KNEW. I COULDN'T TELL YOU!
THEN,
HAVE YOU GROWN UP NOW, HAKUEI?
...
I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHAT YOU MEAN.

I FELT THE SAME WAY
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG!
I'M SORRY
EVEN IF IT WAS WRONG TO TELL YOU I REALLY WANTED TO
WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY CONFESSION NOW?
I WON'T LISTEN!
JUST LET ME GO ALREADY!
grip

THEN YOU'D BETTER COVER YOUR EARS.
I HAVE ALWAYS, AND I STILL...
...
...
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT, RIGHT, KEIJI?
...

search search
ring ring
ring
YEAH
That scared me!
HURRY UP AND COME BACK!
YOU! WHERE THE HELL DID YOU GO?!
GOT IT! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
SO DON'T BE MAD OKAY?
I SAID I GOT IT!
Making them angry he's so irresponsible

REALLY, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
IS THIS LOVE ENOUGH?

Shuck
LOOK, WHAT'S YOUR HURRY? IT'S NOT LIKE YOUR HOME'S GONNA JUST RUN OFF, IS IT? JUST RELAX AND STICK AROUND A LITTLE
Creak
HEY, HOW ABOUT I COME TO SEE YOU?
NO WAY!
THEN SAY, "HAKU-NICHAN, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH."
...
HOONK
NOW, NOW, THE TRAIN'S ARRIVED

I LOVE YOU
KEIJI!
Damn
THE FUNERALS IN OKUTSUKI VILLAGE REALLY ARE FUN
OWW!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!
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"CAN I COME OVER AND STAY THIS WEEKEND?"...
WAS WHAT HE ASKED ME A WEEK AGO.
HIS LOVE HAD BECOME MUTUAL, BUT BEFORE HE COULD FULLY ABSORB THAT, A VISIT?!

OKUTSUKIMURA NO YUKAISOU

奥津城村の愉快葬。

池玲文 By Reibun Ike

LAST MONTH MY COUSIN HAKUGA AND I, WHO WERE RAISED AS BROTHERS, FINALLY CONFESSED OUR FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER
WE LIVE FAR APART, SO WE KEEP IN TOUCH BY PHONE AND EMAIL.
BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST MET
KEIJU!
WAH! I CAN'T LOOK HIM IN THE EYE.
I-IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
Tetsu ♡
HERE I AM. ♡
SO YOU LIVE IN PLACE LIKE THIS, HUH?
It was a long trip.
DO YOU STILL HAVE TO WORK TODAY?

The story so far: Keiji's home village, Okutsukimura, has a strange custom. When one turns 33, a funeral is held in order to cleanse his soul. When Keiji returned home for his cousin Hakuga's funeral, the two met again for the first time in 5 years. In the past, Keiji (once) kissed Hakuga and believed that his love for Hakuga is unrequited. But after confessing their feelings, the two got together and...

I WAS JUST ON MY WAY HOME
HMM HE'S NOT LOOKING AT ME
THE TRUTH IS, I TOOK THE DAY OFF AND CLEANED MY HOUSE.
BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT, CAN I?
SORRY WERE YOU BUSY?
NO NOTHING LIKE THAT!
ANYWAY WHAT'S IN THAT BAG?
OH THIS IT'S FROM MOM
SHE PICKED EGGPLANTS AND OTHER SUMMER VEGETABLES THIS MORNING
SHE SAID TO BUY SOME CHICKEN AND BOIL IT ALL TOGETHER IN SOME CONSOMMÉ
And top it off with sesame seeds
WOW, THE BAG IS REALLY FULL!

WASN'T IT HEAVY?
HUH?
smile
pull
FINALLY HE LOOKED ME IN THE EYE
YEAH, A LITTLE. SHOULD WE HEAD TO THE MARKET?
WAIT, HAKUSAI YOU WANT TO MAKE IT NOW?!
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER EAT IN A RESTAURANT?
NO WAY, ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

blunush
ARE
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
WHY DO YOU THINK I CAME ALL THE WAY TO TOKYO? I JUST WANT US TO BE ALONE TOGETHER
"ALONE TOGETHER." "ALONE TOGETHER," HE SAID
squeeze

THIS FEELS NORMAL
AHAHA
LATELY MY EYE-SIGHT IS GETTING WORSE YOU KNOW
YES YES YES THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S RIGHT
I see that's Showa?
IT REALLY IS THE PERIOD OF 'NOIRU KOIRU'
OH, THE LEFT-OVERS.
SHOULD I PUT THEM IN THE FRIDGE?
creak

* SHOWA NOIRU KOIRU WAS A COMEDY DUO

I'M ALWAYS THE ONLY ONE WHO'S NERVOUS
WHAT?
?
Will the print fit?
open
NOTHING.
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT YOU'RE YOUR USUAL SELF

DO I SEEM LIKE MY USUAL SELF TO YOU?
creak
slip
hug
THE TRUTH IS MY HEART IS BEATING REALLY FAST
DO YOU GET IT?

WAAHHH!
WAH
UH
HUH? He stiffened.
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS? IT SEEMS LIKE HAKUBA'S USED TO THIS
Hump
BUT HIS HEART IS BEATING REALLY FAST
Hump Hump
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING?

U-UM
IS IT OKAY TO JUST LEAVE THE FARM AND COME HERE?!
YEAH, I DID THE CHORES THIS MORNING
BESIDES, THE FARM'S SMALLER NOW THAN IT USED TO BE SO NO NEED TO WORRY
IS THAT SO...
WE RECENTLY RENTED A PIECE OF LAND TO SOME WEEKEND FARMERS
THEY'RE A HARDWORKING COUPLE IN THEIR SIXTIES
OH I-ISN'T IT DIFFICULT HAVING TO TEACH THEM STUFF?
YOU MEAN LIKE HOW IN THE SPRINGTIME IT REALLY STINKS IF YOU DON'T COVER THE OIL CAKES WITH ENOUGH DIRT?

UM, THE TRACTOR... IT RUNS ON DIESEL FUEL. WHAT ABOUT THAT?
LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT LATER

sigh
creak
grip
SHOULD WE JUST TAKE A BATH AND GO TO SLEEP?

ruffle ruffle
SO LET'S JUST GO TO BED EARLY
MOM WANTS ME TO BUY THIS SPECIAL CHEESECAKE FROM TOKYO BEFORE I GO HOME
EH?
OKAY

Haku-nichan, you—
idiot

...
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
...!
IT'S NOT AS IF...
...I CAN SLEEP IN THIS SITUATION.
I'm not, am I...?
...
...

I'M SORRY
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME
YOU'RE TIRED FROM EXERTING YOURSELF, RIGHT?
sob
FWOMP
KEI...
UMPH?!

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?!
BECAUSE YOU WERE ACTING SO COLD
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU HADN'T FORGIVEN ME
HUH?
THERE'S NOTHING TO FORGIVE
YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU
BESIDES, THE GUY I'VE LOVED FOR SO LONG HAS FINALLY RETURNED MY FEELINGS.
SO HOW CAN I BE CALM ABOUT IT?!
IDIOT!

I'M SORRY
I TOLD YOU TO STOP APOLOGIZING
Grip
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT I STILL END UP GROVELING BEFORE YOU
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME

POUNCE
surprise
DAMN IT!
YOU'RE TOO CUTE! I'M TAKING YOU HOME WITH ME!
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS "FINALLY RETURNED MY FEELINGS"?!
REALLY?
FOR ME, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN YOU!

I DON'T NEED TO GO BUY THE CHEESECAKE TOMORROW!
strip
UM HAKUBA?!
LET'S MAKE LOVE KEIJI
IF I HOLD BACK ANY MORE THAN THIS, I'LL GO CRAZY!
MOM CAN SETTLE FOR A MAIL-ORDERED ONE, RIGHT?

kiss
WHEN DID I BECOME NAKED?!
WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO DO FIRST?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WAH! SOMETHING'S PUSHING AGAINST ME!
I WON'T DO THAT. IT SEEMS LIKE IT'D BE PAINFUL.
DO YOU WANT TO P-PUT IT IN AND STUFF?
UM WWH
HUH?
W-WAIT!

Is he going to hit me?
...
...
...!
OH, BUT...
MAYBE I COULD TRY PUTTING MY FINGER IN?
rel avert
...
THAT'S FINE.
matter
UWOH?!
What do you mean, #Uwoh?

AH !
NH
STOP!
AH AHH
MM !
...
HAKUBA!
HAH...
YOU DIDN'T SAY YOU WERE GOING TO DO THA... AH!

ME TOO
What should I do?
AH NO
HAHA
I'M SO TURNED ON THAT MY HEAD'S SPINNING
I CAN'T STOP

I DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK MY LOVE FOR HIM ANYMORE
I CAN FINALLY BELIEVE THAT
LATER KEIJI
I WISH I COULD STAY LONGER
YEAH.
HOW ABOUT SAYING, "I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, HAKU-NIICHAN"?
...
Kuuck

I'LL BE LONELY
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO
HAKU-NIICHAN, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH
I-I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN LEAVE NOW
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T GIVE UP ON HIM.
真実は村の愉快時
■END■

Happy Birthday,
Karen!
Dp

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EXCUSE ME, YOU THERE...
I'M AFRAID I TWISTED MY ANKLE ON MY WAY HOME
WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP ME?
....
IF YOU COULD GIVE ME A RIDE A FAR AS YOUR PLACE...
GIVE IT A REST, KOMORI KYOU-KUN

I WAS SURE I'D GET YOU TODAY
IT'S ALREADY NOVEMBER SO THERE'S NO WAY A WOMAN WOULD BE DRESSED LIKE THAT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
AND BESIDES, YOUR TAIL IS SHOWING YOUR TAIL!
HUH?

I WAS TRANSFERRED FROM TOKYO TO THIS VILLAGE A YEAR AGO
ALTHOUGH I THOUGHT BEING BEWITCHED BY FOXES WAS NOTHING MORE THAN FOLKLORE,
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS STILL COMMONPLACE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?
HEY, PICK UP THE PACE!
NOOO!
The Policeman and the Fox

FIRST OF ALL, ARE ALL COUNTRY-SIDE TOWNS LIKE THIS? FORGET STARBUCKS, THERE ISN'T EVEN A CONVENIENCE STORE HERE. NO PLACE TO DRINK, EITHER.
WORST OF ALL, HOW CAN THERE NOT BE A SINGLE CLOTHING SHOP?

THIS MONTH'S LOOKING DICEY RIGHT NOW. COULD THE TRIP POSSIBLY WAIT FOR ANOTHER TIME?
I'M REALLY SORRY!
FINE. I GUESS YOU'VE BEEN BUYING CLOTHES AGAIN, HUH?

Haa
NAKAOKA-KUN YOU'RE HOT.
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR ONLY CONCERN IS YOUR APPEARANCE
OR ELSE YOU'RE JUST A NARCISSIST IT'S A BIG TURN-OFF
HUH?

AM I THE ONE AT FAULT? AFTER I WAS DUMPED, I ENDED UP TRANSFERING HERE TO THE BACK-END OF THE BOON-DOCKS.
IT'S AN UNFAIR PUNISH-MENT
KOMORI-SAN! YOUR SON WAS OUT LOITERING AGAIN!
KAKA-SAMA,* I FAILED AGAIN
*OCHA'C: RESPECTFUL AND ALSO RURAL TERM FOR MOTHER
OH DEAR! MR POLICEMAN, DID YOU PICK HIM UP FOR US AGAIN?
SORRY FOR THE BOTHER. NAKA-OKA-KUN

NO WAY! I AM NOT A NARCISSIST
I'M JUST INTO THINGS LIKE FINELY TEXTURED CLOTH AESTHE-TICS AND COOL DESIGNS!
SHOCK
Bye-bye.
IS THAT SO WRONG?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE HIM A FIRM TALKING-TO SO HE DOESN'T GET UP TO ANY MORE MISCHIEF!
NO, THANK YOU!
HOW ABOUT A DRINK?

...
You're warm! Such Darling, you're so nice!
Oh, honey!
GLOMP

GRAB
HE'LL CATCH A COLD IF HE GOES AROUND SO LIGHTLY DRESSED AT THIS HOUR!
PLEASE HEAR ME OUT, SON-CHOU-SAN!"
FOXES ARE NOCTURNAL AND IT'S NOT AS IF HE'S HUMAN. HE'LL BE FINE IN THESE TEMPERATURES

WELL THAT'S A BIT DIFFICULT FOR US YOU SEE IT'S THE DUTY OF A FOX TO BEWITCH PEOPLE
THAT'S RIGHT AS YOU CAN SEE I'VE BEEN COMPLETELY BEWITCHED BY A LADY FO-

E-EVEN IF THAT'S THE CASE, THERE IS SUCH A THING AS CLOTHES THAT SUIT THE SEASON, RIGHT?!
RIGHT NOW, FOR EXAMPLE, "TSUGINO-KOUDA" MAKES A DOWN VEST AND "SEENSIDE" MAKES A MILITARY JACKET.
THOSE ARE FASHION STAPLES, SO HE WOULD HAVE EXTENSIVE MIX AND MATCH OPTIONS, AND...
I HEARD THAT YOU ENDED UP HERE BECAUSE YOU TALK ABOUT THOSE THINGS NONSTOP
AH-HOO
UH-OH
GASP
GASP
NOW, LOOK!
IF YOU INSIST, THEN YOU BUY ME A COAT, MR POLICEMAN
WHAT?!

N—
NO
NO WAY AM I BUYING YOU A COAT!
THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING IS MORE THAN JUST A LACK OF CONVENIENCE STORES.
W-WHAT ARE YOU...?
IT'S KIND OF YOUR FAULT FOR NOT GIVING ME THE TIME OF DAY, ISN'T IT?
IT'S THAT I'VE SOMEHOW ENDED UP CATCHING THE EYE OF THE VILLAGE HEADMAN'S SON

OYAMA POLICE STATION

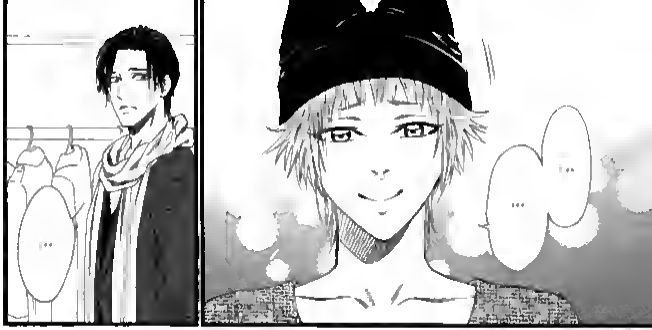
GEEZ HE'S THE ONE WHO JUST FOLLOWS ME AROUND ON HIS OWN
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO DO FAVORS FOR HIM?
MORE IMPORTANTLY HE'S GOT SUCH FLASHY FUR
WHATEVER HE DOES WEAR IT HAS TO BE EXCEPTIONAL OR IT JUST WON'T LOOK RIGHT
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SINCE BOTH HIS HAIR AND TAIL ARE GOLDEN
TURN
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SO SOFT.. AND FLUFFY
TAP
THAT'S RIGHT! "CROSS" MAKES THAT NAVY RIDER'S JACKET

CLICK
OH! THIS IS ABSO-LUTELY PERFECT!
OH, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A HARD TEXTURE LIKE THAT. MAYBE AN ELEGANT PEA COAT IN MOCHA AND...
CLICK
CLICK
IF IT MATCHES THE COLOR OF HIS TAIL IT'LL LOOK GORGEOUS
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
PLUS, THIS SHOP IS IN THE MALL IN THE NEXT TOWN!
WHOA, THIS IS GOOD, TOO!
CLICK
NOW I'VE DONE IT I'VE TAKEN HIM OUT...
YAY!
A DATE, A DATE!
I JUST HAPPENED TO FIND SOME NICE CLOTHES THAT I WANT YOU TO WEAR!
WRONG! THIS IS NOT A DATE!

THIS IS JUST BECAUSE I HAPPENED TO HAVE SOME SHOPPING TO DO, SO DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
Stick
SURE, I GET IT!
AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER, MR. POLICE-MAN, I'M HAPPY!
...
Mustura
STOP CALLING ME "MR POLICEMAN" TODAY I'M JUST NAKAOKA GOU
Argh
Pull
GOU-SAN!

HE S... SO CUTE DAMN IT...
It's full of people.
THERE ARE CLOTHES, AND SHOES, TOO!
BACK IN CIVILIZED SOCIETY!
HE SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HIMSELF..
This jacket is made in France!
Oh!
GOU-SAN.
HM?
WHY DID YOU BECOME A POLICEMAN?
IF YOU LIKE CLOTHES SO MUCH, SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE GONE IN THAT DIRECTION FOR YOUR CAREER?

I HAVE A DISCERNING EYE BUT I'M HOPELESSLY UNCREATIVE
AND SHOCKINGLY CLUMSY
I THOUGHT, "IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD OCCUPATION", SO I GAVE IT A TRY
WELL THAT AND MY FATHER WAS A POLICEMAN
Though I ended up being transferred
YOU'RE ALWAYS FOLLOWING ME AROUND. DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS OF YOUR OWN?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN THE FUTURE?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AL-RIGHTY! LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SHOP!

AH FOUND IT
THIS ONE HERE! COME ON TRY SOME CLOTHES ON

PLEASE THE CHANGING ROOM IS THIS WAY
OH!
WHOA!

30,000 yen is steep, but...
I SEE. IT'S WOOL.
*30,000 YEN = APPROX. $377 USD.
NICE, HUH? THEY'RE SOFTER THAN THEY LOOK AND THEY'RE EASY TO PUT ON.
WE ONLY JUST GOT THEM IN TODAY.
WOW! TOTALLY COOL! THESE ARE A DEFINITE BUY!
OH
I SEE. IS THAT RIGHT?
ALRIGHTY! I'LL TAKE THEM!
GOU-SAN!
?
HOW DO I LOOK?

He got me to try on the pants and boots, too.
IS IT WEIRD?
Ultra cute!
NO IT SUITS YOU. REALLY.
YAY!
JUMP

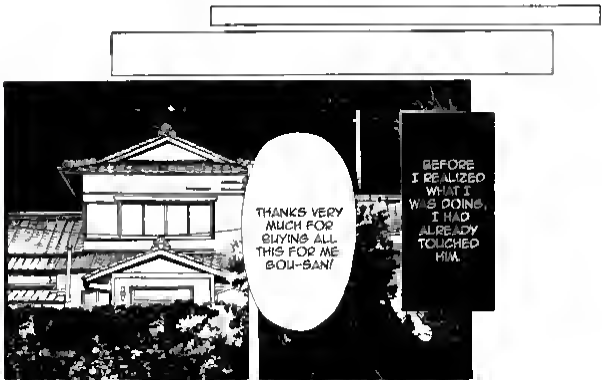
PANIC
SHIRO
FLASH
OH, MY TAIL IS SHOWING
AHHH, WHAT AM I DOING?
IN THE END, I SPENT ALL THE MONEY I WAS GOING TO SPEND ON MYSELF ON HIM.
STARE STARE
OH WELL... I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE HAPPY SOMEONE WHO SUITED THE CLOTHES GOT TO WEAR THEM
GAZE
WHAT?

WILL YOU BE MY WIFE?
SQUEEEAL
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
SQUEEEAL
GYAAA-AAA-AAAH!
WE'RE GOING TO DIE!
NEAR DEATH
!

IDIOT!
WE ALMOST DIED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ALL OF A SUDDEN?! AND WHAT'S MORE, I'M THE WIFE?!
gasp
gasp
...
LISTEN HERE! IN JAPAN, SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS STILL NOT POSSIBLE!
HUMAN RULES DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT MUCH TO ME
Phew... calm down...
LET ME RE-PHRASE:
WHY WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE LIKE ME?

WELL, YOU SEE, WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU, YOU WERE SHOUTING ACROSS A RICE PADDY.
YEAH?
...
...
HUH?
Is it that hot?
"YOU STUPID COUNTRY-SIDE!"
"THERE'S NOTHING HERE!"
YOU SAID.
...
BECAUSE OF THAT I WONDERED IF YOU WERE REALLY ALL RIGHT.
AS I CAME CLOSER, YOU WERE REALLY SUR-PRISED
BUT YOU TOLD ME I WAS PRETTY AND STROKED MY HEAD AND TAIL
"YOU FEEL SO GOOD TO TOUCH." THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID TO ME

THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE ARE KIND, BUT THEY WON'T HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH ME
THEY BRING ME OFFERINGS, BUT...
AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER VILLAGES JUST GET SCARED AND RUN AWAY
SO I WAS HAPPY WHEN YOU TOUCHED ME.
DO YOU REMEMBER??
UH. YEAH.
BUT AFTER THAT, EVEN IF I TRANSFORMED INTO GIRLS I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE, YOU WOULDN'T SO MUCH AS PAT ME ON THE HEAD.


BEFORE I REALIZED WHAT I WAS DOING, I HAD ALREADY TOUCHED HIM.
THANKS VERY MUCH FOR BUYING ALL THIS FOR ME GOU-SAN!

SEE YOU TO-MOR-ROW
KOMORI KYOU-KUN.
AS OF TOMORROW, PLEASE STOP IM-PLISHING ME.
NO WAY!
WHAT?! AFTER YOU WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF BUYING ME A COAT?
YEAH, BUT SEE, MY HOME IS CLOSE BY.
COUGH
SO JUST COME OVER LIKE A NOR-MAL PER-SON
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU WEARING IT.

TH-THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO TRANSFORM ANYMORE
OKAY!
GOOD NIGHT!
LIVING IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD AFTER ALL...
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Meanwhile in DP's HQ...
Eh!?
Okay, so we missed one b'day on April...
B day list
A list of a bunch of amazing people in DP

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HARUHINA

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THIS VILLAGE SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS ONCE SUFFERED A LONG PERIOD OF DROUGHT
ONE YEAR, AFTER YET ANOTHER DRY SEASON, THE EMACIATED VILLAGERS SOUGHT THE ASSISTANCE OF A MOUNTAIN PRIEST WHO COULD PRAY FOR RAIN ON THEIR BEHALF
THE PRIEST WENT TO FIND THE WATER GOD ON THE MOUNTAIN AND OFFERED HIS BODY TO THE LAKE WITHOUT HESITATION.
THE GOD, WHO WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED,
TRANSFORMED FROM A DRAGON INTO A WOMAN AND SAID, "IF YOU WILL BECOME MY HUSBAND, I WILL SHOWER RAIN ON THIS VILLAGE FOR ONE THOUSAND YEARS."

*AMEFURASHI = RAINFALL

THEM AGAIN...
Ouch
SLAM
!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!
YOU'RE A GOD, AREN'T YOU!? METE OUT SOME DIVINE RETRIBUTION OR SOMETHING!
YUI-KUN
YOU NEED TO GROW A PAIR, TOO, MIZUHA!

ARE YOU REALLY UP TO BEING THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL IF YOU'RE LIKE THIS?
GRAB
SORRY...
!
I-I DON'T KNOW
IN MY VILLAGE, A RAIN-BRINGING FESTIVAL IS HELD EVERY SUMMER
Haa...

EVEN NOW FOR THIS VILLAGE WHERE MOST FAMILIES STILL MAKE A LIVING FROM RICE FARMING, RAIN IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.
FOR GENERATIONS A MEMBER OF THE AMEFURASHI FAMILY HAS PERFORMED THE ROLL OF MASTER OF CEREMONIES.
AND THIS YEAR THE ROLE WILL APPARENTLY BE HANDED OVER TO MIZUHA.
IT WOULD NOT BE AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT EVERYONE'S LIFE, SO TO SPEAK, DEPENDS ON IT.
SO CAN YOU AFFORD TO JUST LET IT SLIDE EVERY TIME YOU'RE BULLIED?!
UM, WHAT? I WASN'T LISTENING.
Chirp!
THUMP

I'M ASKING IF YOU THINK IT'S OKAY FOR THEM TO BULLY YOU
WELL... MY FATHER SAYS THAT... IN PRESENT-DAY JAPAN, GODS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED.
...IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
IN THE OLD DAYS, THE— WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT? THE "VOID" IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS WAS FILLED BY GODS,
BUT NOW THAT'S BEEN REPLACED BY MONEY

...
HMPH ..
SO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL AND STUDY IF I WANT TO MAKE A LIVING
I'LL BE OKAY AFTER ALL, I HAVE YOU, YUI-KUN

THERE'S A GRAIN OF RICE ON YOUR FACE!
HM?
AH!
AH!
!
LIKE WE SAY, "EACH GRAIN IS IMPOR-TANT"!
Right?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
Right.
IF YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BULLY A GOD,
IS IT OKAY TO THINK OF ONE AS CUTE?

SOME-
DAY, THE
ECONOMY
REALLY WILL
COLLAPSE
OIL IS
ALREADY
ON THE
WAY OUT,
AND IT
SEEMS
UNLIKELY
THAT WE'LL
BE ABLE
TO MAKE
A SMOOTH
TRANSITION
TO ALTER-
NATIVE
ENERGY
?
THAT S
WHEN
I THINK
PEOPLE
WILL START
TO NEED
THE GODS
AGAIN
SOME-
DAY

SO DON'T SAY IT CAN'T BE HELPED
AS...
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED AT LEAST THERE'S STILL ONE PERSON WHO NEEDS YOU
OKAY!

UH..
FLIP
FINE,
PASS THE HAND-OUTS TO THE BACK
rustle
DON'T DROP THEM.
CREAK
whisper
EWW, STAY BACK!
GROSS
whisper
IF I COVER MY EARS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HEAR THEM.
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY...

I'VE GOT YUI-KUN, ANYWAY.
YOU
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BECOME CLEAN, CLEAN...

DO IT AGAIN, COME ON!
AH!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?! GANGING UP ON ONE PERSON
GRAB
YUI-KUN!
PEC-SON?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, COUNTING HIM AS A HUMAN?

YEAH?!
YANK
YOU BAS-TARD!
WHAT?!
SLAM
WE'RE DOING THIS FOR YOUR SAKE!
DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU
YOU SHOULD WAKE UP ALREADY. THE GUY'S REALLY WEIRD!
I SAW HIM. HE CAN CONTROL WATER!
IT FLOATED UP JUST LIKE MAGIC
THAT'S JUST NOT NORMAL.

STOP IT...
SO WHAT IF IT ISN'T?!
!
STOP IT, YOU TWO
I-I'M THE ONE WHO'S WEIRD
RUSTLE
IT'S MY FAULT!

SPLATTER
SPLATTER
SPLATTER
SPLATTER
SPLATTER
SPLATTER
SPLASH
SPLASH
STOP IT!
SPLASH

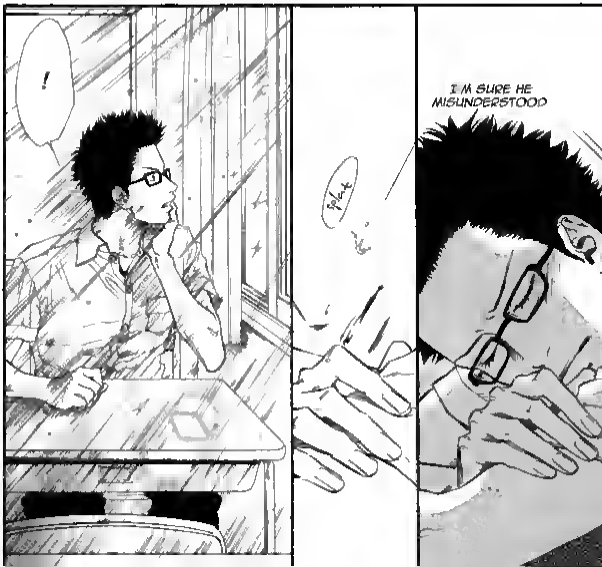
MIZUHA STOPPED COMING TO SCHOOL AFTER THAT.
YOU... SEE?
...
HAH HAH

MI-N MI-N
HERE, MOVE YOUR LEFT FOOT MORE SO THE BELL RINGS
MI-N
LIH WHAT?
SHING
MI-N = CICADAS
fidget
I WON-DER
WHY DO WE STILL HAVE THIS FESTIVAL NOWA-DAYS?
EVEN IF WE WEREN'T AROUND ANY-MORE,
THERE WOULDN'T EXACTLY BE A WATER SHORTAGE AGAIN, WOULD THERE?
HOW ABOUT WE WORK ON IT TO-GETHER?
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF YOU JUST RELAX

YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT?
I WISH I WAS AN ORDINARY PERSON.
THIS POWER IS TOO SCARY
YOU DON'T THINK ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE SCARY?
PAT
HMM, WELL, EVEN IF THE VILLAGERS DON'T NEED RAIN-BRINGING ANY-MORE,
WE STILL CAN'T JUST GO AWAY
WE ALL GO THROUGH LIFE WITH THIS CHA-OTIC INNER NATURE.
AT TIMES IT CAN BE CRUEL AND AT OTHER TIMES, GENTLE AND COMP-ASSION-ATE.
NEVERTHELESS, AS LONG AS WE RE ALIVE, ALL WE CAN DO IS OUR BEST

EVEN IF WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY NEED US OR NOT?
THAT'S OKAY, ISN'T IT? NOT BEING NEEDED, I MEAN
EVEN WITHOUT BEING NEEDED I STILL WANTED YOUR MOTHER TO EXPERIENCE THE SUMMER WHILE I WAS DOING IT
MAKING THE RAIN FALL, I MEAN
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT, MIZUHA?
SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU WISH THAT...
THE FLOWERS THAT GROW ALONG THE SIDE OF THE PATH THEY WALK EVERY DAY MIGHT BLOOM BEAUTIFULLY? SOMEONE LIKE THAT?

THE POOL IS SO CALM NOW
WHY DIDN'T I GO AFTER HIM BACK THEN?
MAYBE I WAS JUST AFRAID OF THE WATER


!
I'M SURE HE MISUNDERSTOOD

RAIN

WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
!
I'LL GO AND CHANGE KONAMI'S DIAPER OR SOME-THING
HAAA HAAA

I-IT STARTED TO RAIN, AND...
AND... WELL... IT KIND OF HAD THE SAME FEELING TO IT AS YOU.
SO... I JUST UM...
I'M SORRY!
I WAS TOTALLY SPEECH-LESS THAT TIME BEFORE, AND...
N-NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, YUI-KUN! IT... CAN'T BE HELPED...
BOW

I KNEW YOU'D MISUNDERSTAND
...IT REALLY IS...
...CREEPY, RIGHT? I'M NOT NORMAL, I KNOW.
IT'S NOT CREEPY AT ALL. YOU ARE WHAT YOU ARE, MIZUHA
IT'S JUST THAT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I SHOULD GO ABOUT APOLOGIZING, SO
I MEAN, IF YOU MAKE A GOD ANGRY OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN FOR SOME DIVINE RETRIBUTION!
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!

THE POINT IS, IT'S JUST TERRIBLE NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE YOU!
UM... I MEAN, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DENYING YOUR WAY OF EXPRESSING YOUR EMOTIONS.
WELL, I WAS FRIGHTENED, TOO...

BUT BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S OKAY TO BE AROUND YOU.

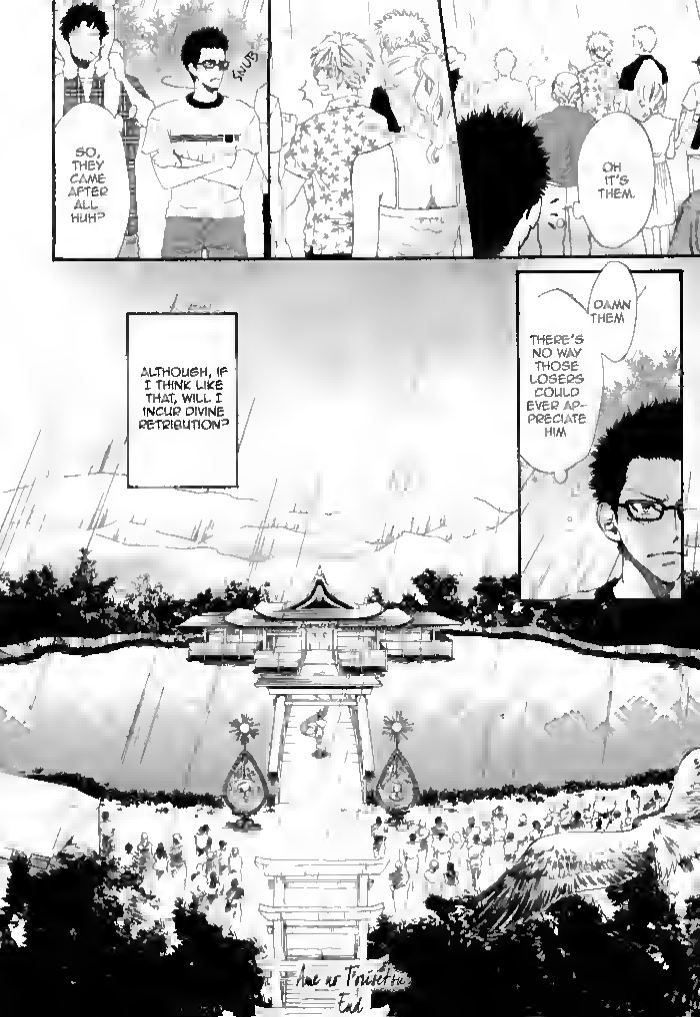
NO MORE "BUTS"!
IT'S POINTLESS COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS
YOU'RE THE ONE I LIKE, MIZUHA.
YEAH...
Does he get what I just said?

NOW NOW, DON'T SAY THAT
NOW MIZUHA DON'T BE SO NER-VOUS
ARSH
Fall, fall
Oh, rain...
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE DANCING IN FRONT OF EVERY-ONE
JUST TAKE A LOOK
THE SKY AND THE LAKE BOTH LOOK HAPPY TO SEE US, DON'T YOU THINK?
CHATTER
CHATTER
Fall, oh, rain...

THE LONG CEREMONIAL ROBE FLUTTERED JUST LIKE A DRAGON, AND
SHING
THE NOTES OF THE FLUTE ECHOED THROUGH US, THE WIND BLEW, AND ...MIZUHA DANCED
SHING
SHING
!

...AS WE WATCHED IN FASCINATION, THE RAIN STARTED TO FALL

MIZUHA WAS DIVINE


SO, THEY CAME AFTER ALL, HUH?
SIGH
OH IT'S THEM.
DAMN THEM
THERE'S NO WAY THOSE LOSERS COULD EVER APPRECIATE HIM
ALTHOUGH, IF I THINK LIKE THAT, WILL I INCUR DIVINE RETRIBUTION?
Ame no Tsuiteru
End

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I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THIS WASN'T THE BEST PLACE TO GET BRUSCHETTA TOO?
ISN'T THIS CARPACCIO SIMPLY EXQUISITE?
I HEARD THAT THE CHEF PERSONALLY GOES TO THE TSUKIJI FISH MARKET TO SELECT THE SEAFOOD.
DOES IT SMELL? CAN YOU EAT ANCHOVIES?
Sniff Sniff
Sniff Sniff
Munch Munch
creak
月に一度のお召し上がり

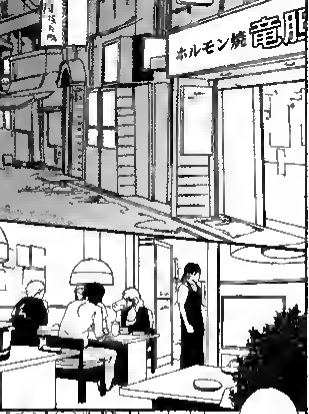
for the first time in book form!
A whole 92 pages.
THE ONLY THING I CAN SMELL IS YOU, MAKI
月に一度のお召し上がり
dishes once a month
池玲文
Works by reibun ike

DON'T SNIFF AT ME LIKE THAT!
OW OW
shove
HIS NAME IS SUGIMOTO SHINJI.
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
BUT WE DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT ANYTHING IMPORTANT
I don't smell!
No, I was just kidding.
SORRY SORRY
IT'S JUST THAT YOU SMELL SO NICE. JUST LIKE CHARCOAL.

WE WENT TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS AND LIVE FAR APART
ARE YOU SURE YAKINIKU IS OKAY?
YOU CERTAINLY ARE DOING WELL FOR YOURSELF HERE.
YET FOR SOME REASON HE INVITES ME TO DINNER ONCE A MONTH EVEN THOUGH WE'RE 97
1 YAKINIKU IS BITE SIZED GRILLED MEAT THAT IS USUALLY FROM THE WASTE PARTS OF THE ANIMAL.
HE ALWAYS HAS
YEAH
WELL YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE FOOD MORE APPEALING
PISSED
THE FOOD'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE YOU KNOW

YOU KNOW, THE OTHER DAY..
clink
twitch
..
flinch
...
WHAT?!
I SNAGGED A GUY IN HIS 30'S AND BROUGHT HIM HERE
HE LIKED IT SO MUCH I THOUGHT I'D BRING YOU HERE THE NEXT TIME I SAW YOU

YOU ALWAYS GET SO UPSET ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS
WHAT' IF YOU'RE SURPRISED BY THAT
DON'T CHANGE YOUR MEN SO FUCKIN' OFTEN
HA HA
Touche!
BUT IF I DID THAT, I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN TAKING YOU
...



SHINJI IS IN LOVE WITH ME

THAT BASTARD NEVER INVITES ME OUT MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH.
clench
WELL...
...MAKI-SAN JUST WENT OFF TO SULK.
WHAT, NO WAY!
*HORUMON DISHES CONTAIN VISCERA AND BOWELS
tap
NUMBER 3 PORK HORUMON
IF YOU WANT TO SEE HIM SO BAD, WHY DON'T YOU INVITE HIM?
GOT IT
SHUT UP AND GET BACK TO WORK!
Ahaha!
He's so adorable. ♡
Oh look I think he's blushing
...!

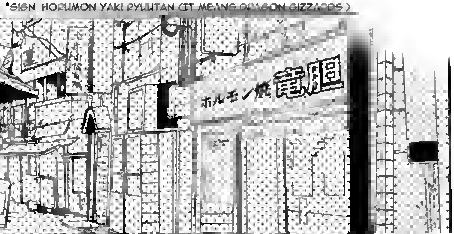
ME INVITE..
Number 5 — Beef Liver
Maki-san?

EXCUSE ME.
vibrate
OKAY. I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
..THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING THAT WE SHOULD SET THE PRICE A LITTLE HIGHER TO GIVE THE PRODUCT A BIT MORE POWER
I THINK IT WILL MATCH BETTER WITH OUR NEW CONCEPT
vibrate
001
From: Nishitani Maki
ab (non title)
If you're free on Saturday let's have dinner. My treat
clack

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
SORRY MY APOLOGIES... SOMETHING JUST..
SCRAPE
SUGIMOTO-SAN ?!
IN ANY CASE, LET US CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION

...OKAY
RECENTLY, I'VE...
BEEN GETTING JEALOUS LISTENING TO SHINJI TALK ABOUT OTHER GUYS
clench
sigh

THAT'S HOW THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING SO FAR



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BLACK HOPP
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH HERE?
YOU THINK I CAN AFFORD TO TAKE YOU TO ONE OF THOSE FANCY-SHMANCY PLACES?
Sizzle
WHEN YOU SAID YOU'D TREAT ME, YOU JUST MEANT COME TO YOUR SHOP.
Sizzle
Ogle
Ogle
Ogle
It's just that...
I DON'T KNOW. ARE THEY JUST FRIENDS?
LOOK AT MIKI-SAN'S FRIEND. HE LOOKS PRETTY HIGH CLASS.
WHOA!
DON'T GET ME WRONG. IT'S DELICIOUS BUT...

SORRY..
BESIDES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE PRICE, I CAN JUST WRITE IT OFF AS A BUSINESS EXPENSE.
YOU'RE TOUCHING THE MEAT TOO MUCH.
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MAKI WHY DID YOU CALL ME OUT TODAY..?
Incoming
Hiroki
vibrate
...
vibrate
vibrate

I WONDER IF IT'S AN INVITATION FOR A DATE
vibrate
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HELLO..
..YES. FINE THANK YOU
TODAY.. I PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT SINCE I'M OUT DRINKING WITH A FRIEND..
YEAH. SORRY MAYBE NEXT TIME
grab
★NEW MENU!★
IMO SHOUCHUU
Premium shouchuu Quenches your thirst in a flash.
TENMAOU
¥1200
DRAFT BEER
Shuujaku Beer
400 yen
BLACK!

pause
clatter
pour
"OPEN YOUR MOUTH"
WHA...
...!
CRUNCH

sag
cough
Coz the beer will make the shop dirty
WHAT THE HECK?! GEEZ
IT'S FINE IF YOU WANT TO DO THINGS THAT MAKE ME HATE YOU
BUT HONESTLY I'LL BE SCARED TO ACCEPT ANOTHER SUDDEN INVITATION FROM YOU!
cough
IF I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING MORE, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH EXPECTING SOME-THING...?
...

WHERE ARE WE GOING MAKI?
WHAT?! HOLD ON
tug
MY PLACE
...
Yank

wobble
shaky
WHO...?
SHIN...
LET ME GO
slide
...FROM YOU... SO THAT I CAN SEE YOU WITHOUT BECOMING A BURDEN...
STOP IT... I'VE FINALLY FOUND THE RIGHT DISTANCE...

DINNER ONCE A MONTH?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'LL BE SATISFIED WITH THAT.
YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME, AREN'T YOU?
grainy
SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL...
REMEMBER WHEN WE WENT ON THAT CLASS TRIP?
...?

THAT NIGHT...
...I THOUGHT ABOUT GRABBING YOU BY THE THROAT
IT WAS SO AGONIZING...
SLOWLY, IF I CHOKED YOU SLOWLY...
...I FIGURED YOU'D JUST DIE IN YOUR SLEEP.
I REALLY AM IN LOVE WITH YOU, YOU KNOW?

WHAT DO YOU THINK? PRETTY MESSED UP, HUH?
THAT'S WHY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME

I WANNA SLEEP WITH YOU RIGHT NOW...
MAK
LOOK A LITTLE MORE EXCITED.
I WON'T BETRAY YOU
N——

You said so yourself.
No way!
STRUGGLE
cling
STRUGGLE
You said "there's no fuckin' way in hell" you'd ever do guys!
And that you like delicate things.
SMACK
STOP BLUBBERING!
!!
THAT'S BECAUSE I NEVER WANTED A GUY BEFORE. HOW THE HELL WAS I SUPPOSED TO FUCKIN' KNOW I LIKED GUYS?!

DREADING WHY I INVITED YOU
THINKING I WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO MAKE YOU HATE ME... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU A KID?!
YOU RE FUCKIN CUTE...
SEEING THAT ALL THESE YEARS...HOW COULD I NOT FALL IN LOVE?!

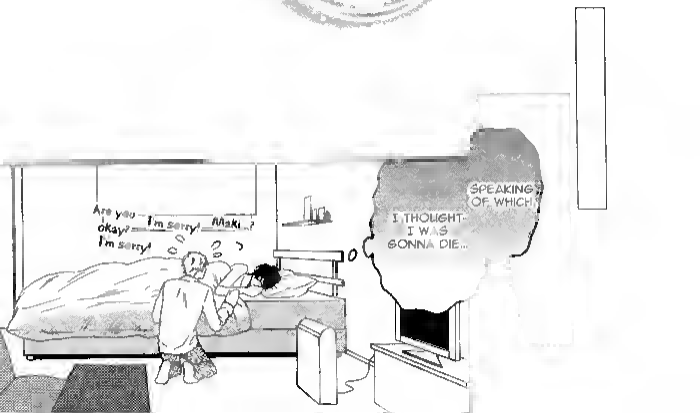
IT CAN'T BE.

MAKI..
AH
AH!
THE BASTARD.. THAT THOUGHT OF ANAL SEX... CAN JUST GO FUCK HIMSELF
YOU WANT TO STOP...?
lick

Aaaahhh! I can't
GOD. YOU'RE SO CUTE.
thrust
Ah
Ah!
WHAT'S THIS. AM I GONNA DIE ALREADY.
pant

AM I DREAMING..?
I'M NOT THAT GOOD AT TALKING..
..LET ALONE IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION I'M SO EMBARRASSED I ALMOST CAN'T SPEAK

THAT'S WHY I KISSED YOU SO MUCH


Are you okay? I'm sorry!
Maki..?
I'm sorry!
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...
SPEAKING OF WHICH

sigh
WAS IT REALLY THAT BAD..?
IT WOULD BE OKAY WITH ME IF YOU WANTED TO SEE ME MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH
rolls over
月に一度のお見しとけり
■END■

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Unpleasant Memories of Okutsuki Village
OH, WHERE'S KEI-CHAN TODAY?
HAKUGA IS PLAYING WITH HIM
My, how nice
Now then...
...
Ten!
...seven, eight, nine...
HEH-HEH
AMAZING, HAKU-NIICHAN!
HOW DO YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHERE I AM STRAIGHT AWAY?
I FOUND YOU, KEIJI!
rustle

BECAUSE I'M YOUR NII-CHAN
I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU THINK
RE-ALLY?!
NO, YOU DON'T... WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT NOW?
HUH? HMM SNACKS, MAYBE?
Oh? pound
That's what you're thinking!
I WAS THINK-ING...
...THAT I'M GLAD YOU'RE WITH ME TODAY INSTEAD OF YOUR GIRL-FRIEND.
SERI-OUSLY...

...
DO YOU REMEMBER?
YOU WERE SO SWEEEET!
HM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SWEET? IT WASN'T SWEET AT ALL!
...AND I REALLY HATED IT!
WHEN I WAS A KID, I'D ALWAYS HEAR THE GOSSIP ABOUT ALL THESE DIFFERENT PEOPLE YOU WERE SEEING...

EVEN THOUGH YOU DEFINITELY KNEW ABOUT MY FEELINGS BACK THEN
SORRY...
WELL, YOU KNOW WHEN I DID NOTICE, YOU WERE STILL IN JUNIOR HIGH.
WE'RE ALSO COUSINS, SO AT THE TIME I WAS DETEPMINED NOT TO MAKE A MOVE
I-I WAN-TED
...YOU TO MAKE A MOVE!
I won't hold back now!
SERI-OUSLY, STOP SAYING SUCH AB-SURDLY SWEET THINGS!
Stupid couple.
HUH? WHAT?!
Why?!
crush
?
Okutsuki Masa ni Fujukai Omishi
End.

OH KYOU, WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?
The Fox's Policeman
MR. POLICE-MAN'S PLACE
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TEMPT HIM IN THAT SORT OF OUTFIT!
HMM, REALLY?
REALLY
LISTEN, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO
TOP TOP

Bare.
WEL-COME HOME!
AHH. IT'S QUIET AGAIN TODA-
-YAAH?!
MA POLICE STATIO

rustle
I GOT KAKA-SAMA TO BUY THEM FOR ME.
YOU KNOW THE CLOTHES YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO WEAR BEFORE?
HUH?
PUT ON SOME CLOTHES, KOMORI KYOU-KUN!
W-W-W-W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

Uh... Ugh... That's...
I THOUGHT I'D TRY THEM ALL ON FOR YOU
rustle rustle
SCRUNCH
rip rip
CRACKLE
WHOMP
GIVE IT HERE!
THIS IS WHY YOUR CLOTHES ARE ALL TOTALLY BLEH, ISN'T IT?
WHO WOULD WEAR IT LIKE THAT?! THE CLOTH MIGHT BE STRETCHY, BUT
How do I wear this?
STRETCHHHH

Naked.
!
HERE! PUT YOUR ARMS THROUGH.
OKAY.
THE RIGHT ONE, TOO!
Blush
!
AHH!
Mr Police-man!
Slump
BUT...
AH!
UGH!
DON'T MAKE WEIRD SOUNDS!

GET OFF! IF YOU DON'T GET OFF—
YOU IDIOT!
Y—
!
WAAAAAAH!
shake
shake
clench
STRONG
IF YOU DO THAT, THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO IF I END UP FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU?!
IF—
creak
IF I DON'T GET OFF ?

IF I KISS YOU, YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH ME?
!
WAIT...
AH...
I LOVE YOU, GOU-SAN.

GRAB
!
NN?
YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ME?
DAMN IT...
I'VE DONE IT NOW, HAVEN'T I?! I'M ASHAMED TO FACE YOUR PARENTS NOW
I'm a policeman in name only...
BUT YOU KNOW KAKA-SAMA TOLD ME I SHOULD USE SEX APPEAL...
TO MAKE SURE I SEALED THE DEAL
HUH?!
Well, have you fallen in love? Have you? Have you?
twitch
twitch

IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP AND FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, GOU-SAN,
AHH
SEEZ.
I MIGHT JUST MAKE YOU MINE AGAINST YOUR WILL
WHO KNEW THE COUNTRY-SIDE WAS SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE?!
OYAMA POLICE STATION
Kitsune-kun no Omamori-kun
End

Afterword

Thank you very much for purchasing this volume. I finally managed to put together all the things I'd drawn here and there since 2007. I do hope you enjoyed them.

The older work doesn't look that good in terms of quality (sweat drop) but as far as my books go, I think most of the content of this volume turned out to be fairly cute.

The following are my comments for each individual work in the book.

● Okutsuki Mura no Yuka! Sou ◆(The Pleasant Funerals of Okutsuki Village)

When I was drawing this, I investigated whether there was a custom of ante-mortem funerals in the provinces somewhere, but I was unable to find any. It seems that such a custom existed in the Edo period, but it doesn't seem to be around anymore. The triangular cloth worn on the head is called a "tenkan"*. I depicted it as a custom which blends Buddhism with Shintoism.

◆Omawari-san to Kitsune● (The Policeman and the Fox)

I thought I'd draw a good-looking policeman, but I ended up feeling uncertain as to whether he was a seme or an uke. As far as I'm concerned, I don't mind either way.

● Ame no Tanisetsu ● (Rain Guide)

Since the subject of rain-bringing is something I'm very taken with, I'd like to draw something on the same theme in a different form. It was the first time I drew a guy that gives "forehead kisses", but in fact, I'm partial to stories like this that portray something less than a fully developed love.

◆Teuki ni Ichido no Omeshiagari◆ (Dishes Once a Month)

Many of my seme characters are wimps, but even out of all of them, this one seems to be a pretty big wimp. It wasn't shown in the story, but the uke manages the yakiniku restaurant together with his sensible younger brother.

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Manager S-sama, N-sama

T-sama, from whom I received the favor of editing "Ame no Tanisetsu", everyone at Ozora Shuppan, and above all, my readers.

Thank you very much.

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*Tenkan: Buddhist celestial crown

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